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## WHO ELECTED MR. WILSON?

To whom does Woodrow Wilson owe his re-election to the presidency of the United States?

Not to Boss Murphy of Tammany Hall, although before November 7 it was not thought possible to elect a chief executive without the electoral vote of the Empire State.

Not to Boss Taggart of Indiana, the second of the demagogues, supposed to be the power behind the party in the second most important state, nor to Boss Sullivan of Illinois, who failed to deliver his state and who probably lost that commonwealth because women voters balloted against bossism rather than against Wilson.

Not to Wall Street, doomed as the destiny which shapes the business and financial conditions of the country since the President began his financial reform, nor to big business interests, which consider the Adamson law a measure which in the end will similarly affect all workers of the land.

Not to women, for, although in Kansas he won, in Illinois and Oregon he lost.

Not to the war howlers, whose idea of national honor is the sacrifice of human lives.

## Notables express themselves:

John M. Parker says the Progressives elected Wilson.

William Allen White backs up and says it was the idealism of the West and the revival of the old spirit of 1896 that did the job.

The "fighting pacifists" claim they did it.

The American Union Against Militarism claims that it was the "He-kept-us-out-of-war" voters in the West that did the business.

Samuel Gompers points with pride to himself and says, "The cause of labor, justice and freedom has been vindicated."

Hiram W. Johnson, governor of California, says that "General Otis, W. H. Crocker and Francis V. Kessling have the proud distinction of having elected Wilson by antagonizing the Progressives of the state."

Meanwhile General Harrison Gray Otis in the Los Angeles Times says that "treachery of the Johnson machine" threw California and elected Wilson.

The Colonel says, "Excuse me!"

Greater and broader than any of these personal, party and sectional influences was the voice of the American people, speaking for Woodrow Wilson. Party lines, personalities, traditions broke down when Wilson won.

Henry Ford advocates the use of alcohol in automobile radiators in winter. Now then, all together, you anti-prohibitionists!

## THE LONG VIGIL

Each newspaper man in the country who kept the long vigil during the recent election, waiting and working so that the returns could be given to the people at the earliest moment, can take to heart the message sent by Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, over the circuits of that organization to the "A. P. men."

It was that same loyalty and enthusiasm which kept the Missouriian force on duty until early Wednesday morning, resulting in issuing for Columbia and Boone County an extra with unusual complete and accurate figures.

The A. P. acknowledgment speaks for itself:

"To the A. P. men: It is just that acknowledgment be made of the splendid work of the Associated Press working corps in the present emergency. A situation unexampled in any former Presidential contest has been presented. It is a situation full of menace to the peace of the country."

The fact that the work of collecting and compiling the votes has been carried on exclusively by our non-partisan organization, and that the public has not been dependent upon the excited claims of the party managers, has been of incalculable value. The service we are rendering is very trying, but worth all it costs.

"To the men who have kept unbroken vigil, night and day, since the polls closed, and who are still patiently, but with unflagging energy, keeping ward in the interest of no party or candidate, but of the truth alone, a great meed of praise is due. It is a fine opportunity for public service faithfully met."

Well, anyway, it makes more business for the movie shows.

## POOR CONSOLATION

That war has a coarsening effect upon the individual was doubted by Dr. H. H. Powers in a lecture to the Polity Club here. The lecturer insisted upon the ennoblement of character resulting from the struggle and questioned whether man's moral fiber was damaged.

In view of this questioning it is interesting to read this utterance of a follower of Christ. "The killing of Germans is a Divine Service," said Archdeacon Wilberforce.

Coarsening! And an archdeacon at that!

The ennobling effect of war with which Doctor Powers consoles himself can never requite Europe for the lowered morale resulting from anti-Christian killing.

Railroads must be built on paper before they can be built anywhere else.

## THE OPEN COLUMN

A public forum for the discussion of things worth-while. Articles should be short and signed by the writer, as proof to the editor of good faith. Signatures will not necessarily be published.

## A Dissenting Opinion.

Editor of the Missouriian: I cannot conscientiously leave without protest the group of editorials upon international relations published recently in the Missouriian. Enthusiasm for a preconceived ideal has led them, I feel, to sweep aside a whole group of definite and weighty facts, with a result that is far from wholesome.

I have lived more than half of my life in the empires of Japan and of Germany, and I cannot see how any doubt can be thrown on the main foundation of facts presented by Doctor Powers recently in his discussion of these two nations. I am not discussing here the soundness of his theoretical propositions, some of which I believe his zeal led him to characterize as "facts," but I am referring to the broader basal facts of national and dynastic aspiration which he presented. A keen and accurate analysis of the East Asiatic situation can also be found in Professor Veblen's paper entitled "The Opportunity of Japan" (Journal of Race Development, Vol. 6, July, 1915).

I doubt if many persons appreciate the religious and mystical ardor of the Japanese imperialism, of their Mikadoism. The Pacific Ocean is far too small an offering to lay at their Mikado's feet. Nothing less than the Solar System is his legitimate inheritance, as lineal descendant of the Sun-Goddess, and heir of her empire. I may be accused here of poking fun, but I am not. I am simply trying to speak in the terms of the wonderful Japanese symbol-myth, a myth so full of political potency, of religious and psychological significance, and of poetical beauty that only the unappreciating could scoff at it.

A. G.

## For Equal Rights on Sidewalks.

Editor the Missouriian: It has been demonstrated during the days of elec-

tion that the coeds favor equal rights. We may point to occasions of everyday occurrence where they not only believe in, but invariably acquire, unequal rights.

Anyhow, that is the way we boys feel about it when we are going west on University avenue about 12:05 o'clock each day. We meet a continuous stream of girls walking two to four abreast, with interlocked arms, wearing an expression that shows plainly that they are giving their undivided attention to something not related to giving an edge on the sidewalk. The boys get accustomed to this after a while and, if they do not take to the street or scale the terrace of somebody's wellkept lawn, they will have to find another way to walk peaceably home.

H. T. D.

## THE NEW BOOKS

The best part of Modeste Hannis Jordan's "The Art of Short-Story Writing Simplified" is the quotation from Emile Zola, which is the preface to the volume: "The worst of all evils for a beginner is to arrive and succeed too soon. He ought to know that behind every solid reputation there lie at least twenty years of effort and labor." The little volume, however, contains some practical, helpful suggestions of plots, title and texts.

(The Hannis Jordan Company, New York; cloth; 50 cents.)

## SOCIETY NOTES

Mrs. E. L. Mitchell gave a bridge party this afternoon for Mrs. I. O. Hochaday's guest, Mrs. W. H. Lumsden of St. Louis.

Miss Pearl Mitchell will give a tea from 3 to 6 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at her country home.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity gave a dinner party Sunday for Miss Ella Hughes Goergen of Independence, Miss Elizabeth Major of Fayette and Miss Estelle Stone and Jack Merriam of Kansas City.

The dinner guests at the Kappa Alpha Theta house Sunday were Misses Lena Brown, Frances Hyde and Isabel Meyers from Christian College; Miss Gretchen Dunnaway and her mother, Mrs. J. H. Dunnaway of Sikeston, Mrs. Chambliss and Lawrence Chambliss of Kansas City, Paul Jones and Hammett May.

Miss Katherine Carmack, Miss Esther Williams and Leroy Robertson were dinner guests at the Phi Gamma Delta house Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Woodson Moss will give a dinner Wednesday night at Christian College to celebrate the fifth anniversary of their marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Kellogg will have as their dinner guests Thursday night, Dr. and Mrs. Mazyck Ravenel, Prof. and Mrs. O. M. Stewart, Prof. and Mrs. George M. Reed, Dean and Mrs. E. J. McCaustland and Prof. and Mrs. F. F. Stephens.

## WILLIAM GEERY BURIED TODAY

Father of Columbia Man Is Buried Today at Fayette.

The funeral of William Geery, father of Charles Geery of Columbia, was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Fayette. Mr. Geery's death occurred yesterday morning after an illness of more than a year due to asthma and other complications. He was about 63 years old. Mr. Geery is survived by his wife, two sons, Charles and Walter, and one daughter, Mrs. Joe Wilcoxen. He was a brother-in-law of County Collector James R. Jordan.

Mr. Geery was a retired farmer of Howard county and was an old and well known citizen of that community.

## DRAMATICS

A try-out for places on Pinero's play "The Magistrate" will be held Thursday evening, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p. m. in Room 214, Academic Hall.

Adv. 70-72.

## Republicans May Get a "Tubbing."

All of the Republicans in one of the fraternity houses bet all the Democrats a tubbing that Hughes would be elected. The same bet was made on the gubernatorial race. The Republicans are still holding out on the technicality of the official count.

## "Wax Works" To Be Given Tonight.

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae will give the second performance of "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works" at 8:15 o'clock tonight in the University Auditorium. The admission is 25 cents. The proceeds will go to the fund for a women's gymnasium.

## FINDS POSTOFFICE SHORTAGE

Inspector Discovers \$4,700 Discrepancy in Books at Ashland.

P. A. Calvert has been taken to Jefferson City, pending investigation of a shortage of \$4,700 discovered in the Ashland postoffice last week by an inspector. Mr. Calvert who lives with his family two miles north of Ashland, has been postmaster at Ashland for twenty-one months. He was ill last week and was not at the office when the inspection was made.

Doctor Muns To Syracuse.  
Dr. W. E. Muns, instructor in path-

ology in the School of Medicine, has accepted an offer from the University of Syracuse. He will teach in the medical school and will have charge of the City Sanitation office of Syracuse. Doctor Muns and his wife will leave Columbia for Syracuse December 1. They came here in the September of 1915.

Come to the Baptist Sunday School. The Bible Class has 200 members, of whom 125 are University students and college girls.



## "The Rumor of my Death is Greatly Exaggerated!"

HE was to give a lecture that night in London. The papers printed a report that he was dead. They hastened to send messengers.

He greeted the messengers himself and sent back these words: "The rumor of my death is greatly exaggerated." And the world breathed freely and laughed.

The world breathed freely at that time, but it was a dark day a few years later when that bright and brave spirit passed serenely to rest.

## MARK TWAIN

But he would not have you weep for him. He would have you find comfort in laughter, as he did himself. Many the day you have laughed yourself into serenity over "Huckleberry Finn" or "Innocents Abroad." And many a time your laughter has struck in your throat over their pathos.

Even the sublime tragedy of Mark Twain's "Joan of Arc" shows a glint here and there of his whimsical turn of mind, that makes clearer and brighter the most splendid story in all the world's history.

It is a long cry from the ridiculous in "Tom Sawyer" to the sublime in "Joan of Arc," and the man who could write them both was great beyond our words to tell.

He had a style so simple,

so clear, so sure, that it does not seem a style at all.

But beyond the style there is a sane and true philosophy of life and an understanding of the human heart—a greatness of soul.

That is why Mark Twain has been translated into all languages—why he is read in Chinese on the banks of the Yangtze Kiang, why the porter at his lodgings in Vienna flew to do him service and showed proudly his own set in German, why the king of England delighted to walk and to talk with him, why you and your children must have him where you can put your hands on him any moment.

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